

USSRObjective II dConstructionBackground

The construction industry of the USSR is engaged in a large-scale program in support of industrial, transport, and military objectives, and to increase the availability of housing. The program is allocated enormous resources--over 5 million employees, about a fifth of railroad freight traffic, and over 100 billion rubles of financing per year. Knowledge of the over-all distribution of these resources would provide an insight into the outlook of the Soviet economic planners at the present and over the next several years. It would rank the sectors being emphasized, and could reveal the extent to which the Soviets have committed resources to long-term development efforts.

Basic Guidance

It is virtually certain that a master chart of major construction projects is maintained in Moscow. This chart (a compilation of individual title lists /Titul'nyy Spisok/ covering individual projects) would describe and record the status of each project--type, location, size, degree of completion, scheduled completion date. In recognition of its value as a means of gaining insight into the economic perspective of the USSR, the Soviets undoubtedly safeguard the chart carefully.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Targets</u>	<u>Location</u>
1.	GOSPLAN (State Planning Commission)	Moscow
2.	PROMBANK (Industrial Bank)	Moscow
3.	GOSTROY (State Committee of the USSR Council of Ministers for Construction)	Moscow

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